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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

CERTIORARI TO LEXINGTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
The Honorable Robert E. Hood, Trial Judge
The Honorable Edward W. Miller, Post-Conviction Relief Judge

Appellate Case No. 2024-000979

Thomas L. Stafford, #357279,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

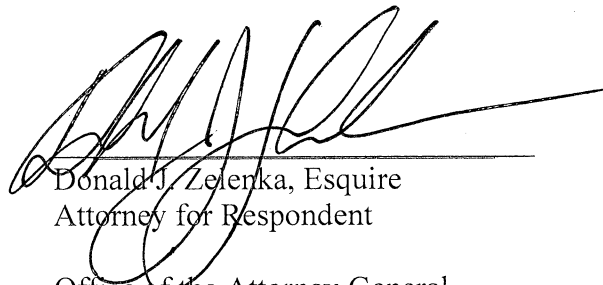
Respondent.

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari has been served upon opposing counsel by sending to opposing counsel's primary e-mail address as listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS):

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This 27th day of June 2025.



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Attached for service in the above-captioned case is the Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying cover letter and certificate of service to be filed today, July 27, 2025.

Respectfully,

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